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ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Department of Natural Resources** is announcing a new procedure that will take effect immediately. The Department will post notices of pending applications for permits and invite objections to the issuance of a permit only when this procedure is prescribed by statute. These notices will be published on the Department's website and as required by the appropriate statute. The Department will continue to post a listing of all applications filed on the website. However, unless a statute expressly authorizes the Department to accept objections and hold a hearing before the Department's decision to issue the permit or deny the application is made, it will no longer do so.

The Department will post on the website copies of all orders issued. In those situations where the law does not prescribe a pre-decision hearing, any person having sufficient interest to be a party may object to the granting or denying of a permit and request a hearing within 15 days of the issuance of the order as prescribed in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 61-206.

The Department's website is <http://www.dnr.ne.gov>. On the home page, click on "Legal Notices and Orders" which will bring up all notices, the monthly listing of applications filed, and copies of orders issued.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Pam Andersen at (402) 471-0583 or pandersen@dnr.ne.gov.